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PATENT
Attorney Docket No: PD-980182
Customer No: 20991**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**In re Application of: Robert Jeff HEATH
Application No: 09/518,452
Filed: March 3, 2000
For: SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING SATELLITE
BANDWIDTH ON DEMAND EMPLOYING
UPLINK FRAME FORMATTING FOR
SMOOTHING AND MITIGATING JITTER AND
DYNAMICALLY CHANGING NUMBERS OF
CONTENTION AND DATA CHANNELSArt Unit: 2663
Examiner: JUNTIMA, Nittaya**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:


Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Petition for Extension of time is attached hereto. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.
- ☐ An extension for ___ months(s) has already been secured; the fee paid therefor of is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.
- ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.
- ☒ The fee for claims is calculated below.

	CLAIMS AS AMENDED					ADDITIONAL FEE
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE		
TOTAL CLAIMS	40 -	49 =	0 x	\$ 18.00 =		\$ 0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	9 -	10 =	0 x	\$ 86.00 =		\$ 0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS			N (Y/N)	\$ 290.00 =		\$ 0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:						\$ 0.00

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Respectfully submitted,


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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

In response to the Office Action dated June 24, 2004, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the claim listing beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page of this paper.